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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2009 and setting a one-month period for response. A petition for a 1-month extension of the period in which to respond under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) are filed concurrently herewith, making the response deadline Monday, September 21, 2009.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers filed herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-0268</u>.

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